

Tokyo District,
Prosecutor Special
Investigations Unit.

Let me
see it.

Shinoda-san,
we just got a
FAX reporting
criminal
activity.

What
should I
do with
it?

Yes, sir.

Follow it up.
Let's investigate
the source and
have a talk with
the suspect.

but strip
off the top layers,
and it seems he's
involved in a major
scandal.

To the casual
observer, this
looks like just
another young
parliamentarian
engaging in
political
misconduct*





CLACK

Oh!
... Excuse
me a
moment.



SHUT...

Hello.
This is
Shinoda--



I'd heard
that
Delegate
Toudou
was adopted.
Knowing
his name
and age, I
still had no
reason to
suspect...



Kyou.

I knew
it...
There's
no mistaking
your scar
....



BA-DUMP

But
could it
really
be--

BA-DUMP



BA-DUMP



BA-DUMP



Very well
I'll just have
to make an
example of
you two.

You brats
try my
patience.

SLAM

You're not
coming out
of there until
morning!



Oh, felt
like being
the hero
of justice,
then?

I didn't
do it
for you

Keep out
of my
business.



you weren't
slaughtered like
your parents
and lucky I look
after you now
so show me
some gratitude!

Listen to me!
You've been no
better than a
dog since you
got here.
You're lucky.



Little bug,
I'm gonna
remove the
defiance from
those eyes

What is
that look,
huh?







Sensei—



...



How did the inquiry go, Toudou-sensei?



But, on the up side,



Well, he's a wealthy gentleman, so I need to look my best.

I met him at my weekly tennis club.

No matter how much time we may have spent apart,

as a big brother, I still worry about my little sister.

...Don't you think you're a little over-dressed?

Hee hee!

I have a date.

...Going out?

Don't stay out too late ...

Toudou-san!

FLINCH

Oni-chan

No, Tatsuki-

Tatsuki!

...Is that the picture from the institute?

I've lived here with my younger sister ever since my mother came and got me at age 14. From the time I was born, I'd assumed I was an unwanted child.

Mizuho ...

Worried about work again? Your job must be rough.

I never thought I'd be part of a family.

I was feeling a little nostalgic.

Of course, my sister is another man's child, but he's already passed on.

To avoid scandal, he forced her to give me up and not name him on my birth certificate.

It turns out that my mother was a bureaucrat's mistress, and I was the result of their affair.





What were you doing with Mizuho?





... Sensei,

how do
you know
him...?



I don't
wish to
discuss
it...

Sir, I—



Is
he a
friend?



Or...?

I have
dirtyed my
hands to
keep your
secrets.

I would
do
anything
for you.



What's
passed is
past.



Don't
dwell on
it.





You were in a car with a man earlier, right?

How?

How?

Mizuho.

Wh... What? Why would you say that?

Of course, I do. He's a politician.

Do you know the sort of things they're involved in?



O-Oh-wow, Onii-chan, you saw us?

I don't want you seeing him anymore.

Do you know what kind of mess he's in?

Wouldn't you?

You would be nothing without me ...



Indeed.



You're my one and only.

... Now,

there's something I want you to do.



Sensei, I'm so happy....



Are you asleep?

Nn...



Uh



Quit it, man...

What are you playing at?!

Tatsuki!

Tatsuki...



Mizuho! He's...

—ove with him.

You're the one who doesn't know anything!

Toudou-san is not a bad person.

Onii-chan! You're just generalizing because that's all you see at your job.

You don't know anything about people like him—



I'm in love with him!



Kyou

Kyou

What he did to me—

Mizuho

Mizuho!

HW
AM

NO...

When
you're all
I've got

You're
going and
leaving
me
behind
...?
You love
the one who
abandoned
you that
much, more
than me?

This
is...
your
own
fault

TATSUKII

BA-DUM?

I...
won't
allow
it.

I can
see you
getting
hurt,

If only
you knew,
you'd
understand
....

and I'll
never
allow it!



Mizuho
Sugiura-
san...
yes?

I... am
Delegate
Toudou's
secr-
etary.

Toudou-san's
secretary...?

but it
seems I've
been fortunate
enough
to catch you
on your way
out...

He's
requested
that I pick
you up
from your
home,

Please
get in.

That's
Toudou-
san's
car...

?!

BA-DMP
BA-DMP

SHUT

Please...
let me
off...

...
Excuse
me...

Can I
ask where
we're
going...?

Just got
in without
thinking.
Excuse me.

We're
heading
toward
the
harbor
...?!



Not
Help me!!

Do
anything
you please
with her....

Onii-chan!



CLACK



... Yes,

who is
it...?

Mizuho...?
Probably
not....

Those are
Toudou-sensei's
orders.



What'll
I do...?

It's
locked
...!

You sure 'ya
want us to
violate her?

It's our
lucky day, boys!
She's a hottie.





She took
you away
from me.

Don't you
agree she
had this
coming?

Yes,
that's
it.

What will
you do?
Run off
to save
her?

Hate me
more.

Or—

If you can
never love
me as more
than just a
friend,

Will the
loving
big brother,
worried
about his
little sister,



comfort
me in
place of
her?

Either
would be
a charming
display of
familial
devotion.

then for
just one
instant—

The choice
is yours.



...It's
me.

Are you
with the
girl?

Yes...
that's
perfect.



Mizuho!

NOOO—!

ONII-
CHAAA—!

SLIDE

PUSH

SHOOTING

?!



NOOO...!

HELP
ME....





I can live
with it if
you can

Yeah.

Ah

Hff...

Nt...

Uh

...Unf



I won't forgive
you for this.

Can you
promise
you'll never
see Mizuko
again?

What could
he have
been
thinking?

I told
him only
to scare
him a
little

That
idiot...

SNAP



Ah....
Ah!

Don't
hold back,
Kyou....

—Uff
...

Haa....



That's it.
Let me
hear you.

Nff...



You
want to,
don't
you?

What's
the
matter?

Make
more noise.

Ah....



...People
outside will
hear us,
won't they?

We can't
do this by
the front
door.

Wait!



Tatsuki!..



So
what?

Let them
hear.



UH....

Is this
love?
Hate?

I don't
know.

NF
....

...I told
you not to
suppress
your voice,
didn't I?



How did it
become so
cruel?

AAH.

PLE—

STOP
....



How
does it
feel?

Being
taken by
the man
you hate
most.

Is this
love?
Lust?
I don't
know.

HFF
....

I wonder
if either of
those is the
emotion I
feel towards
Kyou.

Nnn
....



if they
can
explain

my desire
to own his
body and
soul—

AH!



SHUT

Sensel.



...
Thank
you.



Toudou-
sensel, the
plenary
session is
about to
begin.



...

You're
the one who
leaked the
information,
correct?



...We
haven't
had sex
lately.



Hah.

One
thing is
certain.
The words-

"I love you"
will never
pass
these lips.

Hah...

—I CAN'T.

...
Kyou
....

.....



The only one
I want sex
with anyway,
is Kyou.

That
aside
...



See...

I...



...because
I'm not going
to give you
to him.



That
is a real
shame...



A leak lights
a fire under a
politician's ass.
He then goes
crying to his
secretary...

I know
this
game.



What
do you
mean,
Sensei
...?



Except into
the arms of
my secretary.
Is that what
you thought?



An investigation
by the public
prosecutor's
office leaves me
with nowhere
to run—



...It's a
shame
for
you...

I may be
willing to
sell out my
life for politics,

but I've no
intention of
selling out
my pride.





This just in
This afternoon at
about 2 P.M., inside
the National Diet
member of the
Lower House,
Tatsuki Toudou, was
stabbed in the
upper abdomen.

Delegate
Toudou sustained
serious injury
and has been
transported to
a metropolitan
hospital where
his condition has
not yet been
commented upon.

Hey, our
guy got
stabbed.

The
attacker
was
Delegate
Toudou's
secretary.

A
politician's
gotta
expect
something
like that.

It can't
end....
Not yet.



Delegate
Toudou!



The session
is already
under—

Ah...
Delegate
Toudou.

I can't
let it end
here.



Is this any way for a politician to behave?!

Please don't move him, sir!

Listen, you! This is no time for you to be lying around!



I won't let you—not until I've nailed your ass to the wall!

Do you hear me,

Don't think you can just go ahead and die!



Tatsuki?!

Hey, someone get this guy out of here!



TAT



Hey, you!

You're not allowed in here—



Nff...



TAT



That's quite a story.

Wait, lemme get this straight.

You're saying you stabbed Delegate Toudou 'cause he dumped you?

I wouldn't say that.

...Was I wrong to love him?

But you're still as big a fool as him—



Now begins the true battle—



...Not bad.



You remind me of Themis.

You haven't changed a bit.



In her right hand, she wields the sword of justice, in her left, the scales of fairness. And, she wears the blindfold of impartiality.

She's the Greek Goddess of Virtue and Justice



—Because
you would've
been better
off loving
me.



—on this
battle-
ground
known
as
JUSTICE.

End





THE JUDGED

- A View of You -



Where
are you
going?

I'll just
be in the
lobby, so
take in the
view here
at your
leisure.

For a
smoke.



If it
isn't the
distinguished
sensei!!

You look
handsome,
as always.
What's the
occasion?



Well...
the chief
secretary is
having his
birthday party...

Then
you are
perfectly
attired—

What a
clever...



I wonder,
sir, if...
I might
shake
your
hand?

Ah—
Of course.

SLIDE



As for
Tetsuko
....

Ever since
that incident,
she hasn't
mentioned
Tatsuki.

I'm not
sure if she
knows it
was him or
if she just
wants to
forget...

Tatsuki and I
have not seen
each other at
all these past
two years.

Nothing
has
changed
between
us at
home, but
still

I can't
live with her
and not feel
a sense of
guilt.



KYOU!



Please excuse me!

What?!

GA



Sensei!!!

Toudou
Toudou



...It's just a gaggle of old men pushing the buck around.

They'll think nothing of one lowly representative's absence

You've got a political superior's ass-kissing party to attend.

Shouldn't you get going?

Where are youuu?!



HUFF

HUFF



HUFF

HUFF



I see that—

your bad habit of running from me hasn't changed, either—

...



GRAB

Huh?!

Come, Kyou.



Flinch

Sensei!

Toudou-sensei!



...

You're one to speak—

Where are
you going,
sir?

Ack—

Please
come back
here,

Toudou-
sensei!

We'll
escape—

Kyou.

—just as
we said we
would one
day.

We're
just kids.

Leave here. ?

And
then,

survive
how?

Hey.
Kyou

You wanna
leave here
together?

We'd find
a way

Nothing
scares me as
long as I've
got you



Onii-chan
and....



san...?



Mizuho-
chan!

A future
bride all alone
before her
wedding, in a
place like this—
you having a
bachelorette
tea ceremony?

Where on
earth has
he gone
...?

He hasn't
tried to
contact
me....

PIP



there's
somewhere
I want to
take you.

Kyou,

K's Cafeteria

Shimoda-
san!

Oh, no,
nothing
like that.

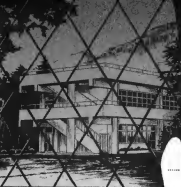
is it the
pre-
wedding
jitters?

If you
would like
to leave a
message

The
number you
have dialed
cannot be
reached

either
because the
phone is out
of range or
has been
shut off





No matter what the truth might be—



The institute

has been closed for five years.



That's just the way dirty, money-minded politicians think.

Next year, it'll get torn down.

Talks are underway to turn the land into a golf course

KSSH



want to know the truth—

I want you tell me...

everything about what happened

Take this..

I'm sorry about the situation at the moment of the accident. I'm in a hurry not to speak about the matter.

What is it..?

B.A.
D.U.
M.D.

Onii-chan, I—

That's the reason for my presence—

Toudou-san, I'm sorry I wasn't in our school again.

Please let me see Toudou-san!

I don't need your money



or question me as a national witness for the public prosecutor.

In your other years of what I considered to be just other pointless investigations.

That can't be—





You—

You fool!

PAP

Don't
even
think of
dying—



...
Who said I
was trying
to die?



Tatsuki...!



SSSH

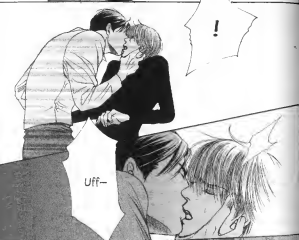
...What
the hell
is he
thinking
?!

SSSSSS...



Tatsuki!

Answer me,
damn it!



Why
are you so
obsessed
with me?

Why
can't you
just let
go?!

Is what I
did really that
unforgivable?!

I beg
you,

please
don't lead
me any
further
astray.

BA-
BA-
BA-
!



Nf...!

Stop!

SA-
SA-
SA-



I beg you,

don't make me
crazy with such
sweet kisses.

Let go
....

Tatsuki
....

Don't look at
me with such
honest eyes.

Because
if you do,
I just might—

No...

I said
no!

P
I
N

Let
go—

Nn....

Onii-
chan

Onii-
chan

Onii-chan,

ASO
A
S
O

ASO
A
S
O







I ran into the one person I had thought I never wanted to see again.

He and I were raised together at the institute and became friends.

I'm
talking
about
Tatsuki
Toudou.



Well,
not talk
exactly

What I want is for you to pass judgment on me.



I want
you to
judge me.



But you
have to
look me in
the eyes.

Very well

I alone
received the love
of a
family.

I took away
his companion
to do it, and
that betrayal
made him the
way he is.

Why did
you run
away?

What
happened
to you was,
at its source,
my fault.

Ever since
you left our
home in
that place.

I've never
forgotten
how you
hurt me.

My true—

What
Tatsuki
did was
unforgivable
...
but hiding
the truth
makes me
equally
unforgivable.

My true
feelings....

Kyou.

Nothing
scares me
as long as
I've got you.

Our
relation-
ship...

had slowly
transcended
friendship
and became
something
else.

I could feel
it, and I tried
desperately
to deny it.

By
running
away from
him,

I was
trying to
protect
myself.

...But then
you and
Mother
came to
get me.

We thought
we would
forever be
two orphans
with no one
but each
other.

Eventually,
I chose to
be with my
family and to
leave Tatsuki
behind.

I still can't
forget his
hate-filled
eyes... at
that time...



I have loved him.

...I'll never forgive you.



then I'll never forgive you!

If you don't make yourself happy with him...

Nf....



I made him resent you... It won't matter ...

If we sever our bond as brother and sister here, today.

For a long time...

probably from the moment we first met,

I have loved him.

I don't think of Tatsuki as a friend.

I'll never
leave you
alone again.



Tatsuki....

You don't
have to worry
about me
anymore—

Thank
you....

I won't
run from you
anymore.

Oni-
chan,

shouldn't
you be with
the one—

you want
to be with
most...?





won't run
anymore,
will you...?

You...



There's no
more need
for it, is
there?

End

When I was
being buried
and forgotten
beneath fluttering
cherry blossoms.

The thought
came to me with
the coming of
each spring.

While all
others
seemed so
happy.





Secretaries
must make
great lap
dogs.

Kicked to the
curb, locked in a
cage, and still
keeping those
lips sealed.

...



Trying to
get bit?



I hate
this
man.

Now,
now. Bad
doggie.

I would think

"Wouldn't it be
nice if spring
never came
at all?"



THE JUDGED
-Spring Haze-



could get
out of here,
where would
he go?

If
Hachiko,
the lap
dog,
He cuts
into the
heart with
surgical
precision.



Has
he got a
home to
go to?

and
seeks
out the
weakest
part.



Given
that he's
bitten his
master's
hand.



Just one.

...He
has.



They pay
me peanuts
to chase
down wrinkly
old farts all
day.

I'm entitled
to a little
R and R.

every day,
prosecution
must be
a slow
business

...You
again?
Coming
here



...May
be...

Or...
perhaps you're
comforting me
in hopes that
I'll divulge
something.





In this world,



I've no place to live.



Thus, there is just one place for me to go—

Bear that in mind.

I'll keep coming until I get what I'm here for.

2591-1550



You'll scratch no fleas from this dog.

...I tire of this. Why not give up?

I'll tell you nothing, no matter how often you come.

Nothing about his appearance makes him unique, but, his ability to stimulate thought with just his mouth-makes him hateful.



Hachiko-kun.



the good name of the Tokyo Public Prosecutor's Special Investigations Unit on it.

There's no one I haven't been able to crack open. I'd stake





Tatsuki Toudou is going down for this, too, you know.

Didn't think I'd notice?

I can at least tell that you two aren't strangers.



Even if I loved him, that doesn't give me the right to judge his crimes.

You, a goddess? That's a laugh.

Especially since, to him, I'm the Goddess of Justice—



Relatively speaking, there are few public prosecutors who fear political pressure.

but there is no shortage of men who will dance to drink the sweet nectar of power.

Sugura, over here...



The secretary-general is also involved.

It's as we suspected.

Everything passes through our office first, though, so suppression of evidence is the issue.

Yeah... and end without anyone being prosecuted. Maybe we can go over his head.

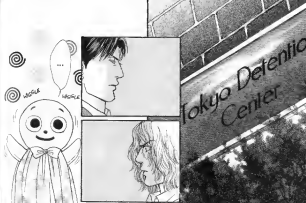
...Then, if we're not careful, the investigation will be quashed internally—



Huh?

Are you okay with this?

The one who sent the FAX knows what's going on...
He's our only lead.





would be
too tasty
a bait to
pass up.

I knew that
the eager
election of a
political
newcomer



I incriminated
none but the
successor, Tatsuki
Toudou, in that
document...

...

Tatsuki Toudou
never struck me
as a mere second-
generation politician,
simply riding on the
coat-tails of his
father's success.

...



Pull on the
string that
ends with him,
and there's
bound to be
other important
figures tied
up in it...

and not
just one
or two.

It's obvious
that he's been
playing a major
role behind the
scenes for
some time.

When you
consider his
political
prowess,

Every day, he
comes and runs
his hateful mouth,
then goes home
without asking
anything—

Between
this sullen,
middle-aged
man and that
ridiculous doll,

I wonder
which face
is really
his.



Why do I...



Tatsuki
Toudou's
adoptive
father—the
deceased

cabinet
minister,
Shigeru Toudou.
You want
to know about him,
don't you?

agree to visit
with this
man, whom
I am supposed
to hate...



I assume
you know
it was my
doing?

That leak
to the public
prosecutor's
office...







...Why
...

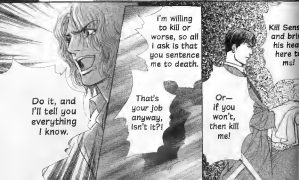
why am I
the only one
who can't be
happy...?



You and
Sensei are the
same. In the
end, you'll only
make me more
miserable...!

But once I tell
you everything,
you'll never
come again,
will you?!

You only
want me to
think I can
be happy...



Do it, and
I'll tell you
everything
I know.

I'm willing
to kill or
worse, so all
I ask is that
you sentence
me to death.

That's
your job
anyway.
Isn't it?!

Or—
if you
won't,
then kill
me!

Kill Sensei,
and bring
his head
here to
me!



You... weren't
born to live
like this.



have only
ourselves in
his world.

You
and I...

From
that day
on, he was
everything
to me.

...He was the
first person to
ever treat me
like a human
being...



My life had
no value to
begin with
anyway.

I would
rather kill
him and be
sentenced
to death
for it.

I couldn't
bear it if he
belonged to
someone
else.



You're
as keenly
perceptive
as ever.

Coming
over un-
announced.
..You're
not here

A dog
you raised...
seems to be
in love with
you, and

he won't
listen to
me until I
bring him
your head.

I've come
to claim
your life,
Sensei.

today to
pursue your
investigation,
Prosecutor-
san.



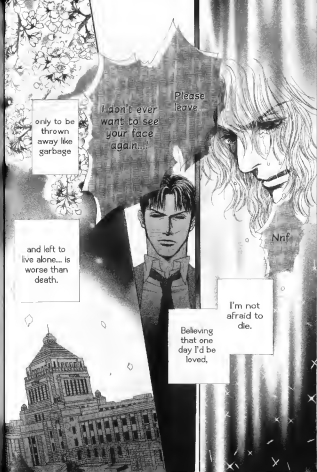
golden
retriever....

I assume
you mean a
certain bright,
dignified,
loyal....

...



You
assume
correctly.



only to be
thrown
away like
garbage

I don't ever
want to see
your face
again...

Please
leave

and left to
live alone... is
worse than
death.

Nnf

I'm not
afraid to
die.

Believing
that one
day I'd be
loved,

don't
you?

However,
Prosecutor-san,
you genuinely
want to help
him...

I made him
my secr-
etary to save
myself from
loneliness.

All I've
done
lately is
push him
away.

It would
also be
in the
spirit
...
of public
prosecution,
I think.

CLENCH

You would
commit
murder for
one small
dog?

...

are the
same sort
of person
as him.

You...

HEH

The
heart he
needs...
is in
another
place.

But you
can't give
him my
heart.

If my
head will
help him, by
all means,
take it to
him.

I don't
mind.

RRRR
RING



...Free to go?!



The bail amount has already been posted

Your application for bail has just been approved



Just show up for your hearing—



Is there anyone else who might benefit from my release...?

My bail's been paid—by whom...?!

Could it be... Toudou-sensei...?

Tokyo Detention Center



Out. You're free to go.

Oh, no...!!

KACHAK



TAP



...No...

That wasn't me?

Sure...



Toudou here.



It seems someone posted his bail...

At the detention center today...



...



I know who has that kind of money—

He's out on bail...?!

!



DIE.



This guarantees
it will
remain
silent.

...I see.
Arrangements
have been
made?

Then we
can bury
this matter
today.



There's not
a man alive
who would
object to his
death.

In any
event, it's one
inconsequential
stray dog

You have
nothing to
worry
about,
Sensei.

The ball
will look as
though it was
posted from
Toudou's
side.



I can
finally—

be at
peace.

This
way, I
can
finally



...Say it
with me.



Call an
ambulance—
Hurry!

I heard
gunshots...
is anyone
hurt?!

SURE



"I want to
be happy."



Like you
mean it.



I want
to be
happy—

...
-py...

I know now.

FLOA





The cherry blossoms are fitting for someone...

The happiness I obtained

whose name means "Spring Day," *Kasuga*.

during the season of fluttering cherry blossoms—

Public House

his true face.

I want ...

you to make me happy—

This is...

If you've got no place to go,

then I'll take you in...

you sure are crying a lot, Hachiko

For someone who hates me...

Say my real name.

...Not as Hachiko.





Like A
White Phantom



Is he trying to make light of a man's heart?

This snob... hasn't even got anything to say?

At least knock before you enter a room.

Hey.



"Unlike you, I haven't enough free time for such things as flirting with the nurses."

That's what he said!!

...And then,

what do think he said to me?!



Hah hah!

That's beside the point.

it's the truth, isn't it?

Well,



Wait, but didn't you tell me

that when you first met him—

UH-OH

That Suzuki guy—

He's a skilled surgeon and all, but something about him really annoys me.

He acts like everyone is beneath him.

He makes me sick.

Suzuki-sensei to the emergency room.

Please prep immediately for an emergency operation.

Hey...!

RUSTLE

TUNNEL OUT



Ack!

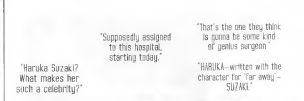
WHOOSH



Don't try to run from me!



Listen when someone is speaking to—





I've been looking for you.

Suzaki-kun,

here you are.

CHI-KAK

Ooh, that's Professor Kawamata.



What the—

Room 503, 8 o'clock. Be there.

You're not working the night shift, are you?

Because I've reserved a room at our favorite hotel.



With-
out
sex the night
before, I get
constipated.

Man

WO



SWOOSH

Waiting for the next



I wonder what kind of artillery he's picking up.

Peeping Tom

Ah-hah! Even with that pretty face, a man's gotta go when a man's gotta go.



ACK



Hey, now,
what do they
think they're
going to do in
that hotel?

Is that
how it is
between
them?

I can't
believe what
I saw!



Hah...!

CREAK

Ah...!

CREAK



Nff—

Someone
might
come in!

Professor...!

What did I
just see...?

SHUT

...



Indeed.

Then it
will have to
keep until
tonight.





Matsuda-kun,

I cannot allow this establishment to be compromised just to satisfy your pride.



...



Here's an X-ray taken today. Look at it carefully.

It seems his condition took a turn for the worse this morning.

The Actinomycosis patient whose surgery you supervised—

Now tell me, what did you think you were treating?

A corrective procedure will have to be performed immediately!



Wait a minute, please! It's my mistake,

You'll undertake the operation.

Suzaki-kun.

Wita-

so at least let me do something about it!

Go prep for surgery.

Yes, sir.

BLACK

Alt...!

GRAB

Last night is what caused this.

OK, I get the idea.

Yes, what a great doctor you are.

prostitute yourself—

You sell your body to old men,

Those eyes, locked on me in the darkness, are so frightfully beautiful—

For, indeed, he is a great doctor... is that about right?

Oh, no, we applaud him.

To be in a subdued state.

This is unusual for you

You look like you might be holding something back.

GRUSH

without whom the operation would not have been possible, hm?

Gracious, thanks to the glorious Suzuki-sensei.



CRACK

Don't touch me!!

You don't know anything about me!

Asshole, mind the face..!

I've never seen him that emotional before.

Womanizing, like all things, needs to be done in moderation.

Awfully strong woman.

Uh, yeah, something like that.

Wow, Matsuda, what happened to your face? Woman slap you?



just
worn
out
from
work.

It's OK.
It hap-
pens.
You're

I haven't
been
feeling
right
all day.

Sorry.

We'll
try again
another
time.



SHUT



... Why
the hell
can't I
get it up?



Oh, no.

Oh, hell no.



Can I
come over
tonight?



Matsuda-
sensei.

I want to do
a man. Have I
gone crazy?!





as well as his wife, who was already hospitalized with heart disease.

Suzuki has no siblings to help him, so his life has been a real roller coaster.

Right. No question about it, he's Suzuki's father.

It seems that five years ago, his business went under and he disappeared, leaving behind his debts,

And it goes from bad to worse.

After his father vanished... his mother

Her husband's unfaithfulness and violent behavior had already made her neurotic,

but after hearing that he'd left her behind with a substantial debt, she went mad.

...dove off the roof of the hospital and killed herself—

—right in front of Suzuki.

What the hell?

Why did he run away?

Matasuda-sensei, you'll have to perform the operation—

Suzuki!

Who is this patient...?

His father?!



TAP
It was only just a matter of time until his identity was uncovered.

That troubles you, doesn't it...?

Yes.



Once we release him, we'll hand him over to the police.

You have nothing to worry about.



You can make it today—can't you?

The address is on this piece of paper.

That can't mean what I think it means—



Is it true that your father is among our patients?



He's been hiding it all this time.

Ostensibly, Suzuki's father has been living overseas,

FLAP

He and Professor Kawamoto worked at the same hospital?

It looks like when all this started, Suzuki was just interning under Professor Kawamoto at another hospital.

but the fact is—he's been running around Japan until his accident here.



The one who recommended Suzuki, was Kawamoto.

Didn't you know?

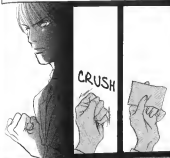
Yeah.



I should
have done
this
sooner.

Everything
I was
protecting,
everything
I believed
in, is
gone...

Suzaki!



That's
it.



when you
can just
come out
and ask for
help?!

Look at me!
I'm not OK
with this!

and suffer
to the point
that you
want to
die,

Why ignore
everybody
and crawl
into your
shell,



Oh...

TINK

if you're the
kind of jerk
who doesn't
value his
own life,

you've
got no
business
being a
doctor!



Let
go...!

This
doesn't
concern
you!

What
are
you
doing?!

This isn't
what a
scalpel
is for!

slice

A
scalpel
...

is for
saving
lives.

did
you
see?



!



...Why
don't you
fight me?

I'm
gonna
do it.

whose eyes
were more
beautiful...

more beautiful
than anyone's.

...But I've
lost the
ability.

Haruka...



I'd say
at least
for two
weeks--

But, you
won't be
operating
for a little
while.

There's
no nerve
damage, so
it should
heal fine.



Ah....

Huu
....



You're...
so...
unruly.

Matsuda
...!



Nn...!



...Why
should
I?

The
first time
you kissed
me,

I didn't
mind then,
either.



Because
I don't
know



If I can
stop this
time....



Jolt

Stop...!

Ah...!

Ba-dmp



Huh



Huh



Nnn!

Uh....

Haa.



Ah...!



No...!

It feels
like you'll
fade
away.



I can't
believe
this....

I'm
a man,
you're a
man,
and we're
kissing and
having sex.

...So
white.

and you
become so
white that
you're almost
transparent.

When
you wear
your robe, it
blends in with
your skin,

Ahh....



—

Yuuta,
you little
brat, come
here!

You don't
know when
to give up!

I'll alert
the media.
Now,

give me
your arm.
You're only
delaying the
inevitable!

I don't
want a shot!
You said it
wouldn't
hurt!

You're
a liar!!

After
quitting the
hospital,
I moved to
Hokkaido

and started my own small clinic.

OK,
next
please.

Let's see
...Haruka
YAMAGAWA

only the
sensation
of his hair
and lips,

and an
unrelenting
desire
for him.

The next day, he vanished without a trace.

He didn't
leave a
note...

Haruka.



Cigarettes
are bad for
you—you
know.



...
Your
name is
Haruka?



I love
him even
now.

I see.
That's
a good
name.





Haruka...!

End

Whither the Phantom Goes





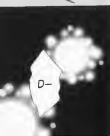


Don't ever disappear again.



What are you—? Someone could come in...!

Don't go.



D-



I still think you're more beautiful naked—than any of them.

I've given physicals to a lot of women now, but—



...But it's weird....



imagining you naked got me hard.

Oh, crap.



You're a
physician,
not a
surgeon
anymore!

What do
you mean,
operation?!

If you
really want
me to stop,
then push
me off.

I'm very
confident in
my skills.

SWEEP



...Time for
an invasive
operation...

Wait a—







ENDING



Art by



Wow-now-now... This-this-is this is my first comic, I still ain't sure how I feel about it, but I'm a legitimate manga author now... (Shuuuu...) The thing is... I never thought I'd ever draw this much manga... But before I knew it, I had enough to publish! (and even some extra side stories... And, and, and I'm so happy... Getting to draw manga was totally fun. At one time, I thought I might give up trying to draw, but then my editor di-no-san picked me up, brushed me off, and gave me the will to come this far... There was some struggling between me and my "Gully Magazine" editor-sa-mi (hehe) because I was doing everything for the first time, so it's been a busy one year. Now, I can't guess how long I'll continue to draw, but as long as I put all my heart into the characters, they'll take on lives of their own and tell their own stories, and I won't have to do any thinking... Everyone who has read this far!! Thank you sooo much!! If you enjoyed the manga at all, it just doesn't get any better for me! But, at the same time, knowing that someone other than me is viewing the world I created, I feel like my soul is exposed... it's kind of (no, it's very) embarrassing. On the next couple of pages, I've meditated on the characters in this volume, and I'd love for you to read it, even to kill some time.

Sincerely, and sincerely grateful,

AKIRA HONMA, 9/2003

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH**

so we should go to an amusement park together!



Listen, Maruko! You haven't had any fun lately.

If I could, we don't need a car.



Although I wouldn't ever go to a museum.

Damn it, I lost to that little brat!

Yuuta.

YAY!

And me with my Eifel newspaper!



I won't ever go far away again.



Spring Haze

Shinoda x Kasegawa is HANNA's pet pairing. It's not the individual characters, it's just that when I look at the two of them as one unit, I feel like they make a great couple... I was going to end the story with Ol' Man Shinoda being just a side character, but during the naming stage my editor-sama said to me, "I feel sooo sorry for the poor secretary. Please give him a happy ending!"... (tehe) So, I decided to partner him up... And Ol' Man Shinoda won the lottery... Hee hee, I didn't even decide until the very end to give Secretary-kun a name... I wanted to maintain his air of mystery... but, oh well, so much for that. (Maha)



I originally planned to continue the story at one chapter... but there was too much left untold (such as what happened to Mizuko...) so I worried about it, like "What am I gonna do? I have to settle this somehow." Eventually, I figured it out. I'vek satisfied in a little sense for Tatsuki and Kiyone, which leaves me feeling strangely satisfied.

A View of You



SPECIAL THANKS

To everyone in the chaotic political world and my editor. I'm sorry if I can discuss, and do almost, some of it... To my sister-in-law, Mami, who's still there (and I hope, my next sister) for encouraging and inspiring me. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH. *~w~*

getting to write a short side story for this one... really took me back. Anyone have a head? Between all the sweet talk and lovers' quarrels, I can see these doctors getting along famously. The name of their office is probably something like Matsuda Clinic. *~w~* Hee hee, Matsuda-sensei is popular with the women, and Haruka-sensei is popular with the children. I made the place an internist clinic... though, I considered making it gynecology instead. (Hehe!) I wouldn't put it past Matsuda.

BYE BYE

Hope to see you again.



Whither the Phantom Goes

The Judged



I haven't seen a Delegate x public prosecutor set-up before... Since their jobs predispose them to antagonism, establishing a lovely loving situation was a nightmare. Wow Hanna, who knows nothing about politics (not even the difference between the opposing parties...), ended up having to do a lot of research for this work. My brain nearly turned to molten paste from the moment I decided to do something political. I knew that the bad guy was going to be the alpin... Heh heh. And the beta would be a shrewd sort... And thus were born Tatsuki and Kiyone. When I've seriously thought however, not even I, the author, knows what Tatsuki is thinking. I have a hard time drawing emotions on his face, and he makes me do wicked things... That's how evil he is. (Maha) Only during his difficult birth do I remember being sweetly moved by him, when he cried out for the first time... True story...

this was my debut work... That's the craze I'm using, but it has also been five years since I drew anything, so this one brings back lots of memories of me rushing like an amateur on it... The tones are pretty sparse, too... The original was practically blank white paper... (but doctors wear white, so that's partly why...) I liked the story and was just dissatisfied with the finishing touches, so I did some retouching. I made Shizuki-sensei's given name "Haruka," meaning "far away" because I wanted his name to be feminine, have a sense of transcendence, and be short and sweet... (and have some bearing on the story...) Matsuda-sensei has a lot of personality, which made him fun for Hanna to draw... It seems I have a weak nose for tough-talking, wild guys... Hee, Haruka-sensei is the obligatory beautiful boy, but beautiful, gay characters are kawaii! I am always soe envious of manga authors who make most of their characters beautiful... and I wonder how on earth they do it! Sigh... I suck...



Like a White Phantom

Introduction: Notation

Honorifics

Japanese culture places strong emphasis on social status distinction and relationship definition. This is expressed through the use of "honorifics," which suffix names and operate in a similar way to the English prefixes "Mr.," "Mrs.," "Dr.," etc. The absence of honorifics indicates that the speakers are beyond the need for formality, either because they are intensely close (as friends, family, lovers) or the speaker is extremely distant (as an enemy or social superior who feels no need to show respect).

Honorifics used in this volume

Oni-chan (oni~chan)	Used to show affection to someone whose social status is the same or lower than the speaker's. Most often appended to female names. When appended to a male name, the speaker is either being teasing or truly considers the boy cute and dear.
Oni-san (oni~san)	Used to show a lesser degree of respect to someone whose social status is the same or lower than the speaker's. Most often used towards male peers, and towards social inferiors (both male and female). "Honorifics are rarely attached to the names of foreigners, but Kurokawa refers to the American Phil as "Phi-san." This indicates that he has taken him into his circle.
San (san~)	Used between peers or strangers to show a medium level of respect. The default honorific.
Sei-san (sei~san)	Used by a junior to show respect to a senior in contexts where the junior is climbing the same social ladder as the senior, such as in school or at work.
Sensei (sen~sei)	Used in reference to the master of any field: doctors, politicians, published writers, etc.

Emphasis/Intonation

Put emphasis on the first syllable. Proper Japanese pronunciation will actually not give emphasis to any syllable, but putting emphasis on the first syllable will suppress the English-language urge to emphasize the second syllable. For example, instead of saying "Fish-CHIE-kah," say "FISH-eh-kah." It sounds much more Japanese.

Ryū HONMA	Ri-ryū-rah Hoh-mah Author of many-meh mangas!	Oni-chan	Oh-nee-cha~n Affectionate title meaning "older brother"
Kyō SUGIHI	Kyōh Sō-gee-oh-rah Prosecutor... and the beta...	Takaki TOMIOU	Tah'ki-kee Tah-doh RUMPH
Misako SUGIHI	Mee'ah-shō Sō-gee-oh-rah The sister who lives happily after	Shigeru TOMIOU	Shee-gyū-ree Tah-doh The bad man!
"Hankō" IWAGIMURA	Hah-roo-ish Yah-mah-gah-wah Looking for love in the ol' wrong places...	SHIMON	Shee-roh-doh Prosecutor with a puppet fetish.
Kanako SUGIHI	Hah-roo-ish Sō-ryō-see The Ice Queen.	MATSUDA	Mah'ta-doh The one in the dog house the most.
KOSUGA	Kah-geh Found love at last!	Sekiryūga	Sekhi-gyūh Referenced by Kyō on page 90. Japanese movie title translated as "The Graduation."
KAWAMOTO	Kah-wah-mah-kah		
Hokkaido	Hohk-eh-doh Second largest island and largest prefecture of Japan, situated north.	Tokyo	Toh-kyōh Japanese capital city whose metropolitan government constitutes one of 47 national administrative divisions. The National Diet Building, where Japan's legislature meets, is located in Tokyo.
Hachikō	Hah'chi-kih Hachikō (an Akita) is well known in Japan as the iconic loyal dog. When his master died at work, Hachikō continued to wait at the train station—where he would normally meet his master and walk him home—every night for the next nine years until his own death in 1934.	From all of us at DramaQueen, we thank you for your support and see you soon in <i>Last Portrait</i> !	



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Public prosecutor Kyou Sugura is pursuing an investigation of government corruption involving a young parliamentarian named Tatsuki Ioudou. The meeting between the two ambitious young men results in an unintended consequence that neither had been prepared for. In this stand off between the enforcer and the law maker, there is a past that binds them together. And it is the strength or weakness of this past that will determine the outcome of their duel.

This volume contains the complete works of *The Judged* and *Like a White Phantom*, a short story involving Ioudou's assistant and ex-lover, "Hachiko."

Enjoy!



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